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TO _____.

Once there was a lovely garden,
So an ancient legend tells us,
With a lofty wall about it,
Built of stone entwined with ivy,
Where the moonbeams gaily flitted
In and out among the tendrils;
Where the night wind softly whispered
To the nodding flowers and branches;
Where the merry little fountain
Rippled back a laughing answer
To the plaintive tender melody
Which the nightingale would sing;
Here there lived the goddess Theta,
Of surpassing grace and beauty;
Loved by all, gods and mortals,
Yet the goddess oft was lonely,
Sighing for some gay companions
Who should stay with her forever,
Share her solitary home;
So she called to her some maidens
Wandering idly by the garden;
And gladly they obeyed her—
Came within the walls so mystic,
And were ever after happy.
Other maidens came to join them,
And if one was called away,
Soon a star shone high in heaven,
Fadeless through eternity;
You, the last one of the maidens,
Welcomed are by all the others;
May you happy be among us,
Loving, you will be beloved.

Beta Chapter.

MAUDE LEMON.

An Ideal Pin.

AN IDEAL PIN.

Into a mountain fastness,
Which till now had its birth secret kept,
Came a weary maiden,
And wooed by the calm beauty, slept;
O'er land and sea had she wandered,
Bravely seeking the "highest good,"
The purest joy of school days,
A perfect sisterhood.

A gallant ship held an anchor,
A palace, a golden key;
A warrior brought forth a jewelled dart,
All offered their treasures free,
But sadly the maid had shaken her head:
"They are all the work of man;
I will go to the heart of the wilderness
And find my ideal if I can."

As she slept came the spirit of nature,
Wond'rously fair to behold,
Robed in a mantle of sunshine and black,
Her hands holding crystal and gold;
"See," said the spirit, "The end of your search;
Take this block and look well within,
This crystal of gold in shape of a kite,
Is nature's fraternity pin."

"Not formed by hands, within its bed
Of perfect purity lies,
A symbol of aspiration,
Ever urging the soul to rise.
Take it; may you love it;
May it give the 'highest good,'
A perfect bond of union,
A perfect sisterhood."

The sleeper awoke, around her feet
Is the vine and fruit of the bitter sweet,
And in her hands, tight fold,
A light, pure block of crystal,
With its heart a kite of gold.

MU ALUMNA.

The minerological cabinet, of Allegheny College, contains a gold crystal, in shape, a perfect representation of a Kappa Alpha Theta pin.

Women and Friendship

There have been but few women given to the world, who have had that genius for friendship that comes as the union of keen sympathetic insight into the needs of others, with the rare tact to supply to its fullest that need, without trenching, in any way, upon the sacred reserve of the soul. And it is a significant fact, that the friendships of these women have oftener been directed toward men than toward other women. The fact is significant, because it indicates a—lack, shall I call it?—an incapacity, at any rate, in the feminine nature for the highest friendship. Woman is temperamentally keyed to love, which is peculiar and personal in its nature, but friendship requires a high capacity for devotion to a sentiment, an ideal, for the ideal friendship is an abstraction. Love springs from a realization of incompleteness in one's self, and is accompanied by a sense of dependence upon another. Friendship, on the contrary, springs from a sense of self-sufficiency, and the highest capacity for it is found only in those strong souls of the earth who have "the ability to do without it."

But the key of woman's nature is rarely set to this high and abstract sentiment. She craves close, personal relations, and her affection is wont to go out in an unreserved, uncalculating love, rather than in the calmer, steadier sentiment that we call friendship. This is the real reason, I think, why there are so few real friendships among women, while there are so many sudden attractions and as sudden alienations; for this intense affection usually carries with it a temper of mind that cannot but prove fatal to it. I mean that unreserved giving up of one's self, a merging of one's own personality in that of another, which is at once love's special temptation and its certain destruction. In a friendship between men and women, however, there is, there must be, always, a self-control, a reserve, an I-and-thou maintained, which checks emotional

excess and keeps the affections healthy. Thus it is that the sentiment is often so permanent, and so hopeful, on both sides.

It is a great loss to women that so few of them cultivate the capacity for friendship, both with men and with other women; that they so deliberately prefer the few close affectional relations that life permits, and allow the broadening, helpful influence of more impersonal sentiment to be shut out of their lives. For the acquirement of that temper of mind which is necessary for the maintenance of an ideal friendship is a gain, not in that direction alone, but in all directions. There will be a gain in the judicial faculty at the expense of the emotions, of which woman already has quite as much as is good for her. There will be an added breadth of vision, which will enable her to appreciate the existence and worth of other convictions than her own. There will be a ready willingness to overlook flaws and defects in character and to out-reckon them by solid worth. There will be a larger sympathetic capacity for entering into helpful relations with others. All these things will be, because they *must* be. They are not only accompaniments, but, in some degree, prerequisites to real friendships.

Such a friendship as this, it was, that existed between Michael Angelo and Vittoria Colonna. What inspiration this relation was to both, words can scarcely tell. It was of Vittoria that Michael Angelo wrote:

"The might of one fair face sublimed my love,
For it hath weaned my heart from low desire."

And the man of whom it was written "He speaks things while others speak only words," could not be contented with a half friendship for such a woman.

The fair *Maechesa* had all the qualities that would most strongly fascinate his virile, intense, powerful nature. She was beautiful, with a rare dignity of widowed charm. She was highly cultivated, intellectual, a poetess, and was of lofty character and of steadfast faith. Buonarrotti was attracted to her with a power commensurate with his intense, energetic and noble mind. Francesca di Olanda was in Rome in 1538, and he thus describes Vittoria: "Madonna Vittoria Colonna, sister of Ascanio Colonna, is one of the most

excellent and famous ladies that are to be found in Europe, or in the world. Of morality as lofty as her beauty, intellectual, and mistress of the Latin tongue, she possesses all the qualities and virtues which adorn a woman. Since the death of her husband, she lives in retirement, a pious and saintly life. Sated with the pomp and glory of her former circumstances she now loves only Jesus Christ and earnest studies." This was the woman whom Michael Angelo "loved," so says Condivi, his biographer, "above all other persons, whose divine spirit attracted him strongly and who felt the warmest attachment for him."

HELEN WATTERSON.

Scenes in Cairo.

In fulfillment of my promise to write a letter to the journal in regard to something seen during the past year, I have chosen a glimpse of life among the women dwelling in the sunny land bordering the southern side of the Mediterranean.

One perfect day in March we leave the hotel directly after lunch, and drive to the suburbs of the city, enjoying all the way the street scenes which nowhere are more curious and interesting than in Cairo. Water carriers, bending under the weight of the full skin upon the back; veiled women bearing jugs upon the head; lazy Arabs sound asleep in the sun; trains of heavily-laden camels; parties of tourists on donkeys, making their way to mosque or tomb; cafés, about which lounge groups of men, all wearing the red fez and smoking the green, long nargileh; on the sidewalk, jugglers showing their tricks and invoking the spirits of the air to come to their aid; wedding parties, led by bands of music; these are only a few of the sights which keep a stranger's eyes wide

open, and make him feel that "only to look round is a joy and merely to see is to learn."

The carriage stops before a large, stone house, whose plain exterior a high wall almost conceals. The great gate swings open, for we are expected. A Nubian slave, very tall and black, conducts the gentlemen across a stone-paved court to a little waiting room, and the ladies, more highly favored, to a door in another wall. Passing through this, we find ourselves in a garden, which is not large, but is attractive with statuary and tropical plants. Another door admits to a spacious hall, so softly carpeted that a foot-fall is scarcely audible, and furnished with all the luxuriousness of a palace in the East. Servants meet us, bow silently, and lead on to a reception room, where a pleasant-faced woman greets us cordially in French. She conducts us to an inner parlor and presents us to "the Princess," for this is the harem of a consin of the Khedive. The lady, seated on a divan, is smoking. Her attire is of rich, bright-colored material, made in a loose dressing-gown fashion; hair, short and straight; complexion, dark; features, plain; eyes lacking that soft beauty which makes many of the southern women handsome. She is very gracious to our little party, hailing from a world well nigh unknown to her. She speaks no language but her native Arabic, so the conversation is carried on through the interpreter, who has brought us in to the royal presence. Admiration of the embroidered hangings, which are truly gorgeous, and of the cabinets filled with rare antiquities, we cannot refrain from expressing. A little maiden of five or six years, seemingly the pet of the household, also attracts much notice. A few moments after our entrance, pipes, fully thirty-six inches long, with beautifully jeweled mouth-piece, are set in silver plates beside each one, and we are invited to smoke. Next, coffee, the sweetened, black Turkish sort, in daintiest China, is carried in on a server, draped in very rich gold embroidery. A little longer and we bid adieu to our hostess, and, turning toward the door, are delighted to have the interpreter ask if we would not like to "see the house." Parlor after parlor we pass through, in every one numerous rare and lovely articles of bric-a-brac and furniture, but but not in one was book, magazine or paper; plenty of smoking-sets, on choice, little mother-of-pearl tables, however.

When the mistress of this fair palace leaves home, she dons a thick veil, letting only the eyes be exposed, and enters a close carriage. No man, save those of the immediate family, is allowed to see the face of a Mohamedan woman. A bridegroom sees that of his bride for the first time when, as one of the last of the long ceremonies, he, left alone with her, draws aside the veil and learns if she be beautiful or otherwise. It is said to be an anxious moment.

Lemonade is served in little covered bowls just before we rejoin the gentlemen, with expressions of pity that they cannot go where we have gone. They look singularly contented, however, smoking as handsome pipes as were offered us, and hasten to say that as far as possible they have been as hospitably treated as we.

Another day a visit is made to quite a different home. It lies in the heart of the crowded city, the entrance being through the dingy court of a tenement house. The inmates are two brothers with their wives and children. One of the husbands, acting as our escort, takes us to the room, serving as both reception and sleeping room, where are the women folk. The sisters, rather pretty in the way that dolls are pretty, spring from the floor, where they are seated, and give a hearty welcome by their looks and gestures. A visiting neighbor woman keeps head and face entirely covered until "Hasan" turns from the apartment, then throws back the shawl, takes our hands, raises them to her lips and presses them to her heart. Truly glad to see us, I think they are, for little of the outside world ever comes into the harem, and I often picture, to myself, these Oriental women gazing longingly through their laticed windows.

We ply the lord and master with many questions. He tells us that he does not "allow"—note the word—his wife to go out without him, and that if he is busy she remained indoors for weeks. He cannot understand our suggestion, that she may have need of exercise, for has she not that in her household duties? nor of change and recreation—"she be lonely with her sister and children!" He points proudly to some knitted lace, used as trimming for divans, and explains that it is with that she occupies much of her time!

To us, of the free western world, this life seems very narrow and monotonous, much more dreary, of course, than to those who know nothing better. There will come a time, I firmly believe, when the daughters of Egypt will be educated and emancipated; but that will only be when the religion of Christ supplants that of Mohamet.

KATE L. RIDENOUR,
Kansas City.



Editorial.

WE hope by the next issue of the journal to have quite a large exchange list, so that our exchange editor may not be compelled to confine herself to notices from two or three other fraternity publications.

THIS number begins the third volume of KAPPA ALPHA THETA. Upon examination it will be found that one number of volume II. did not appear. We regret that such is the fact, but the failure to appear on the part of No. 4, was caused by circumstances over which we have no control, and for which we are not responsible. In consequence of this the new board of editors has deemed it wise to begin a new volume with this number.

WE hope that KAPPA ALPHA THETA and her black and gold has not been forgotten by the fraternity world. She still lives and comes forth now in bright, warm autumnal colors, with her kite flying higher than ever, steadfastly pointing heavenward. Let this be a time when each chapter shall send greetings to every other chapter, and let the band of our sisterhood be more strongly and more lovingly drawn than ever. The journal belongs to us all, to chapters and to individuals. It is our duty to support and care for it. Its object is to be a medium of communication between all the chapters; to be as a personal correspondence, kind and sisterly. Let us see to it that this object is attained, and that KAPPA ALPHA THETA becomes a bright and shining light in our midst.

PARDON a personal remark in passing. Kappa chapter wishes to express her gratitude toward all the chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta, for their promptness in sending in chapter letters and other articles for this number of the journal. The fact that all have been prompt and kind makes it possible for us to publish the paper at this time. May we be thus favored when the time comes for the next number of the journal to make its appearance.

IN the KAPPA ALPHA THETA, for October, 1886, the editor-in-chief set forth her views on "fraternity rushing," and they are most commendable, too. We have something to give our sister chapters now, which is the result of much the same feeling on the part of many girls that Miss Wilder had when she wrote that editorial.

Last spring the girls of Kappa Kappa Gamma, I. C., and Kappa Alpha Theta, in the Kansas State University, began to talk seriously of adopting some method by which "rushing" might be stopped. Several informal meetings were held and the subject carefully discussed. It was finally decided to draw up an interfraternity pledge, which is as follows:

WHEREAS, It is on all hands admitted, the practice of "rushing" is unworthy of womanly dignity; is highly injurious to the University, to the secret societies and to new students. We, the members of Kappa Kappa Gamma, I. C., and Kappa Alpha Theta, through our committees in joint session assembled do resolve:

1. That the following pledge be incorporated in the by-laws of our societies and made one of the fundamental and governing principles:

PLEDGE.

(a) We, the members of Omega chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kansas Alpha chapter of I. C., and Kappa chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, hereby individually and collectively, pledge ourselves not to initiate, pledge or invite any girl, directly or indirectly, or through any medium whatever, to join our fraternity until said girl shall have attended the University three months, and during that time shall have pursued, regularly and continuously, at least two studies or their equivalents.

(b) To give all invitations to membership through written communications of prescribed form, sent by mail.

(c) If any of our members initiated or pledged violate the above, we agree that she shall be answerable to the joint standing committee of the societies.

2. That the beginning of each school year notices be inserted in all the current University papers, stating these rules governing the admission of new members

3. That these resolutions and pledge be subject to amendment as necessity shall demand.

4. That these resolutions and pledge shall go into effect from this day, June 1, 1888.

(Signed)

KATE MERRILL,
EMMA BARTELL,
HARRIET MACDONALD,
of Kappa Alpha Theta.

MARY MANLEY,
GERTRUDE CROTTY,
CARA STERLING,
of I. C. Sorosis.

ANNIE MCKINNON,
ALICE ROPES,
MARY STIMPSON,
of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The prescribed three months have not yet expired, but so far the pledge has been kept and the new plan is working admirably. We hope this may furnish a suggestion to one or many chapters, which shall be very helpful.

Exchanges.

We extol the success of the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi by the following note, which we clip from the May number: "This issue is supplemented to Volume VIII, and is published without charge upon the *Shield's* patrons."

When exchanges have accumulated for some time, owing to a period of rest in journalism, it is then that an exchange editor can appreciate the merits of a good fraternity journal.

If one seeks to "broaden his horizon" concerning fraternities and their publications, let him be referred to the Delta Upsilon *Quarterly* as one important source for information. The July number contains but few chapter letters, but the place of these is supplied by thirty-seven compact pages of what is justly named "Chapter News." Even to one not within "The fold" these pages tell of much that is interesting. The chapter, "Among the Exchanges," is admirable. I do not assume to myself the discovery of the following bit of good advice, but will quote it as found among the exchanges of the Delta Upsilon: "The student who neglects college work in order to prepare a paper for her society, has no right to belong to a fraternity. The student who neglects college duty to prepare the talk which will be the aspiration of many, does not exist. The inspiration would be 'of the earth, earthy,' when brought face to face with the old adage, 'Practice what you preach.' Inspired fraternity work and neglected college work are an impossible combination. The best workers in college are always the most useful workers in the society, while the careless students are careless members of the fraternity." The Greek letter gossip often informs one of unheard of facts concerning one's own fraternity. For example: "It has been rumored and denied that Kappa Alpha Theta will next fall enter the University of Wisconsin with a chapter established from the members of the class which then enter." But as the *Quarterly* frankly acknowledges that this is merely gossip, the mistake is pardonable.

The March number of the *Key* (the last that has reached us) reproves KAPPA ALPHA THETA for non-exchanges. We acknowledge the blunder falls on our own shoulders, and in way of explanation we will state, that owing to entirely unforeseen circumstances, KAPPA ALPHA THETA, for some numbers past, has not appeared. We can, however, with safety, promise the *Key* to exchange promptly hereafter, and we thank her for her kind forbearance. I quote the following editorials from the *Key*, and deem they will be of interest to all Thetas: "We occasionally hear members of women's Greek letter societies spoken of as 'Beta girls,' 'Delta girls' and the like. It is hoped such appellations

are never used by the girls themselves, even if the gentlemen do thus designate them. If a girl belongs to a good fraternity, why not be known as such a member, rather than a quasi woman's auxiliary. In the first place, it is an undignified thing to do, and at any rate, it shows a partisan feeling that may sometime prove disadvantageous to the girls' society thus known. Neutrality is the only course for a society as a whole to adopt in regard to the men's fraternities in the same college, no matter what the individual prejudices may be. A Kappa should be prouder of that name than any other.

"Going back to my room from college, the other day, I found that in order to keep an engagement that evening I must work with the utmost despatch and earnestness during all the time that remained until dinner. So I took my easiest chair, drew it up to the window, and was soon lost to all but my Greek lesson. I was thus proceeding, absorbed and industrious, when a slight tap on the door roused my attention. It opened, and an acquaintance dropped in for a friendly chat. She sat calmly, removed her wraps and began to talk of the approaching concert. I gathered my wits, rather unwillingly I confess, and answered. She talked on indefinitely about the last novel, the friend's party, the new engagement. The stream of conversation went on, gathering force as it rolled, until, to my dismay, the dinner bell rang. My tormentor then arose, assuring me cordially that she had had a delightful call, and withdrew. Perhaps she had, but my lessons? Not long after, expecting callers in the evening I had planned a hard afternoon's work. Alas! again the tap at my door, and this time an acquaintance came in to transact some business. This finished, we might naturally have expected her to depart. But she didn't. Only approaching dusk warned her of her homeward journey. In both afternoons I had gained not one new idea, had felt unchristian thoughts and had given no real benefit to my callers. It was time absolutely wasted, gone from my life.

"How often are these experiences repeated in the college year, especially where the dormitory system prevails. Acquaintances drop in without any adequate reason, uninvited, often undesired; they make calls of tiresome length, discuss trivial details, or those better left without discussion, and depart, having, apparently, no duties of their own and no conception of other people's."

In Memoriam.

Ida Snell Spangler.

Beta Chapter.

RESOLUTIONS.

Once more Beta chapter is called upon to mourn the loss of a sister. In the death of Ida (Smell) Spangler we deeply realize that we have lost one of the brightest and strongest links of our chain, one who did honor to Kappa Alpha Theta with all good qualities of heart and head. In all our relationship with her, the influence of her gentle and loving nature has been deeply felt, and will be greatly missed in the future. Realizing that there has passed from us the "type of true majestic womanhood," be it, therefore,

Resolved, By the members of Beta chapter, of Kappa Alpha Theta, that we extend our heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved husband and friends; that the external expression of our sorrow be the veiling of the badge for thirty days; that this tribute of grief be placed upon our chapter records and be suitably published.

ELLA RAWLES,
SOPHIA SHEEKS,
EFFIE LEMONDS.

Bloomington, Ind., Aug. 16, 1888.

Chapter Correspondence.

RHO.

University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.

The call for our chapter letter came by telegram this morning. The letter, informing us that it was due, never reached us, but we hope we are still in time for publication, as we know what a literary treat would be missed by the readers of the journal if our contribution were wanting.

We are few in number, but very enthusiastic, and begin our new year with encouraging prospects. So far we have taken in but one girl, Ollie Latta, a sister of one of our charter members. She is a Freshman, and a very bright and charming girl. Miss Long, of Iota, and Mrs. Scott, of Beta, are here and helped at her initiation. There were, therefore, nine Thetas at our spread. Profiting by the experience of the other fraternities, we are very slow to take in any new girl, however nice she may seem at first; though we hope we may never carry our exclusiveness to an extreme.

We have had several informal parties, but our first large reception was given last June, to all the fraternities, at the home of Miss Child. Invitations are out for a five o'clock tea, November 3, at Mrs. Scott's, in honor of her sister, Miss Long. We enjoy very much, the experience, novel to us, of knowing, intimately, sisters from other chapters, and they have proved that, though out of school, they still keep up their interest in Kappa Alpha Theta.

Faternally,

RHO.

KAPPA.

University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

In June we bade adieu to so many sisters, who were not to return, that we met after vacation with a feeling of mingled lone-

liness and sadness, as few were left to sustain the chapter. But we have taken courage in the thought that in "unity there is strength," and together we stand with a determination to win and conquer. The badge is the true symbol of our inward and spiritual grace. We have canvassed the past and present, and definitely decided upon a future course of action—and is even that not a step onward?

Long have we held in disrepute that feature of fraternity life, commonly called "rushing," and last spring we set ourselves to work out a reform. After careful and serious consideration we laid our plans before our sister fraternities, the I. Cs. and K. K. Gs., and urged their coöperation. After some deliberation they each responded by the appointment of a committee to confer with us, and in due time the resolutions, found in the editorials, were adopted. We think the plan will work admirably. True to the pledge we have bidden no new girls this fall; but since you last heard from us we have initiated Miss Mamie Simpson, who is the art instructor at K. S. U. She has had advantages for study abroad, and we feel proud of her capabilities as well as her personality.

At later intervals Minnie Wagstaff, Julia Benedict, Pearl and Ocy Phillips, Kittie Bistline, Lillie McMillan and Martique Babcock have gracefully fallen into the ranks, and true, royal Thetas they are.

We have indulged in two social entertainments—a delightful reunion reception given us by Julia Benedict at her home, assisted by Lillie McMillan, at which were present many charter, alumni, and pledged members. Much interest and deep feeling was manifested in the discussion of policies near and dear to us.

The other was a spread, taking the form of a tea at the home of May Walker. To this our young men friends were bidden. All joined in the spirit of the occasion, and a right merry time we had. The Phi Deltas, Phi Gammas and Sigma Chis have also given spreads this fall.

Although the University opened with favorable prospects and an unusually large number of students, the fewness of the young women is a source of general remark.

Considerable rivalry exists, at the present time, among the fraternity men, and some undignified squabbling over University papers has made life quite monotonous of late; but let us presume that it takes all these to give proper college training—to make a Ben Johnson or a Daniel Webster.

EMMA BARTELL.

ALPHA.

De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind.

DEAR THETA SISTERS:—It is with a pleasurable pride that Alpha sends her greeting to each sister chapter at the opening of the new scholastic year.

Our past year has been a prosperous one, and our outlook for the future is good. Though the summer months have wrought some changes in our mystic circle, and we sadly miss the presence of some of our best girls, yet our hope is strong, for we know that though, "some may come and some may go," the Theta wheel must still go on; and through the *conabimur excellere* of each, its tire must grow, its spokes must lengthen.

We have twenty active members in our chapter, and we entertain strong hopes that, before long, others will wear "the kite." We have entered into a contract with our strong rival, Kappa Kappa Gamma, that until a fixed time has elapsed we will not offer propositions to the new students, and though the plan is to the advantage of both fraternities, it often holds us in suspense.

One of our members, Miss Anna Martin, was married during the summer to Mr. E. E. Whitted, professor of Modern Languages at Los Angeles. Mrs. Whitted formerly held a position in this University, and since her marriage another one of our members, Miss Mina Fallas, has stepped into the position thus vacated.

Miss Fallas, last year, took the degree Ph. D., the first woman upon whom this University has ever bestowed that degree.

Another honor was bestowed upon Theta in the awarding of the Cloud Prize in oratory to Miss Alice Hays, one of our leading girls. Perhaps we have seemed somewhat egotistical and somewhat "concentred all in self;" but we are so proud and happy in

our sisterhood that we trust it may be forgiven, and in closing we wish each chapter, each Theta, a bright and happy year, crowned with success and the victor's wreath of laurel.

MARGARET E. SMITH.

IOTA.

Cornell University, Utica, N. Y.

Iota begins the new year homeless, the pleasant chapter room which we have so long possessed having been taken from us on account of the increase in the number of lady students. We find a melancholy consolation of the "misery-loves-company" sort, however, in the fact that the other two ladies' fraternities represented here share the same fate. We are making plans for a permanent abode, which will, we hope, be realized in the near future.

In spite of the unexpected absence of several of our old members, our number is unusually large, as we were so fortunate last year as to obtain every one to whom we extended our invitation. Among the ladies of the faculty we now have five members, two of whom were married during the summer. One of the class of '88 has a fellowship, and is, therefore, with us again this year. Our under-graduate members number fourteen, though in accordance with our custom of waiting until at least a month after college opens before giving any invitations we have, as yet, initiated none of the entering class.

Although we may not hope to experience again the phenomenal success which we met with last year, our prospects are most encouraging, and the position which Iota Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta has always held at Cornell University, seems to be steadily maintained in the future.

Iota sends best wishes for a prosperous year.

LAMBDA.

Vermont State University, Burlington, Vt.

DEAR THETAS:—Do we owe an apology for having neglected to write for so long a time?

The college term is so far advanced that we begin to feel fully

initiated into the duties which another year has brought us, and although trials and afflictions have come to some of us since our last letter, as a whole, we are prosperous and happy. Since last June we have been rejoicing in our new hall, or rather, apartments, for besides the *sanctum sanctorum*, we have a parlor, reception room and several smaller rooms as well. They are in one of the finest new buildings of the city, and we are proud of them.

Our banquet at commencement time was, like all, extremely pleasant, and many of our "old girls" were with us.

During the summer vacation the above mentioned graduate members gave a spread to those of us who were in the city, as well as several Thetas from other colleges who were here for the school of languages.

There is one drawback to our enjoyment this fall. The fact that one of our brightest and most energetic girls is out of college for the year. But the voluminous letters she writes us show that her heart and interest are with us. The spell of New England weather that we have been bearing up under for two months, is enough to dampen the spirits—to say nothing of the clothes—of any but those who have borne greater trials, such as initiation, and the long deferred hope of seeing the song books and catalogues, which "eye hath not seen," tho' they have long been heard of.

Two of our members, one who graduated from the University last year, and the other a junior, are teaching a very popular and successful select school here.

At present, with 1892, we deplore the lack of co-eds in the entering class, but we hope to see at least two or three new girls soon. Hoping that all are flourishing.

Yours fraternally,

L. B.

TAU.

Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

When the roll of Tau Chapter was called this year, we found we had lost two by graduation—one who went to the University of Michigan, and two who remained at home. We began the year with six members, one of whom was a Freshman, pledged in

Preparatory. We have increased this number by six, one Sophomore and five Freshmen, being our initiates. We have three pledged in Prep. It is not egotism when we say these are as lovely girls as there are in college, for it is not egotism when the simple truth is told.

We have one girl on for Junior-Sophomore declamation contest, which takes place in December, and another appears in the Ossoli contest next May. One of our girls took the first prize in this contest last spring.

On the 15th of May last we gave a reception, to which between seventy-five and a hundred invitations were issued.

Seven Thetas from Alpha Chapter, one from Theta, and one from Delta, ably assisted us in entertaining our friends.

A chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, with nine charter members, has been recently established at N. W. U.

We hold our meetings weekly in our pleasant hall, which has been much improved this year.

We would invite any of our sisters passing through Chicago to come up to Evanston and see us. Cordial greetings to all our sister chapters.

EPSILON.

Wooster University, Wooster, Ohio.

When, at the beginning of the school year, Epsilon's doors swung back and revealed once more the shrine of Theta draped in its black and gold, there gathered around it eleven sisters in active membership, all full of recollections of delightful hours spent in that charmed spot, and full of hope and enthusiasm for the year that was before them. As one result of that enthusiasm, four new faces are now to be seen in our circle, and of these girls we think we can say without flattery or boasting, they will be an adornment and credit to our chapter.

A remark was made at a recent convention of the Y. W. C. A. of Ohio, in regard to their circular letter: "Don't fill it up with personal notices and things of that nature, but tell us what you are doing in your association; what you are accomplishing, that hints for work may be interchanged." Not a new remark, perhaps, but

true, and appropriate for any organization. We, therefore, propose to tell what we are doing this year, or have begun to do.

We do not expect to overwhelm you with the magnitude of our schemes, but simply following a good suggestion, give our mite to the contribution of good suggestions. At the beginning of every year there has always enough change taken place in a chapter, been enough infusion of new material to make the members feel a little strange. To overcome this as quickly as possible, to arouse enthusiasm and deeper interest in the meetings, we have decided to have some particular entertainment for each meeting. For this purpose a committee is appointed every week, to whose fertile brains the matter of entertainments for the ensuing week is entrusted. Of course the plan has not yet been sufficiently tested to establish its success, but everything points that way. One, among the first entertainments to which we have been treated, was a mock exposition, having all the usual departments of fruits, flowers, curiosities, etc. Under the auspices of an able manager and through her eloquent words, the recent exposition at Cincinnati was made to appear but a trivial matter in comparison. We hope and expect to see great results, both in enjoyment and closer union, from this plan, and would recommend it to all of our sisters among whom it, or a similar one may not be already in operation.

One thing we had hoped for, and endeavored to bring about last year, was the non-rushing system adopted by Cornell. We urged it upon the chapter of our rival fraternity, but for some reason they would not agree to it. Perhaps they were deterred by the warning thought that "delays are dangerous." Be that as it may, we are obliged this year to replete our ranks after the old manner; a manner that has always been more or less distasteful to the Epsilon heart. The disadvantage and bad results of rushing are felt in both directions. The fraternity is liable to make mistakes in the girls; they bid, and the girls have really no opportunity of making an intelligent choice of fraternities. We have not yet, altogether, given up hope of a better system.

Wishing all of our sisters a successful year, and increased devotion to Kappa Alpha Theta, we close our first letter of '88 and '89.

J. C.

THETA.

Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa.

Theta sends greetings to every chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

College opened with a larger attendance than usual. Every thing promises prosperity for Simpson this year. The new building is progressing rapidly, and we have the promise of the use of it for the winter term.

We came back full of enthusiasm, and have had splendid success thus far. Four new girls now wear the Kappa Alpha Theta badge, Mamie Clark, Jennie Stewart, Grace Fields, and Jett. Gordon.

Commencement passed off very pleasantly. Theta gave a banquet, which was *the* event of the season. We have not yet planned our work for the year, but hope whatever we do may be profitable.

MYIT HAMILTON.

DELTA.

Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill.

Delta is glad to send greetings to her sister chapters.

The prospect for this year is excellent. We now have six college girls and eight pledged members. We have, this term, taken in six very promising girls, Lizzie Hopkins, Cora Wamsley, Minnie Willetts, Ella Kanouse, Rachel Watt, and Mamie Sterry. We have a merry group, and are looking forward to a very prosperous term's work.

Last spring the Thetas gave a party to the Kappas at the home of Mary Potter; about a hundred invitations were issued. All departed with a feeling of pleasure in the thought that the evening had been a success. One of our number, Irene Blanchard, contributed to the novelty of the evening by beautiful little hand painted souvenirs, which were placed by each one's plate at supper.

Week before last the inter-collegiate contest was held at Champaign, at which four of our girls were present. There was a delegation of about forty present, and how proud we were when the first prize was awarded to Mr. F. W. Wheeler, our Wesleyan

representative. Mr. Wheeler was a Phi Gamma Delta. As Greeks we were justly proud of him.

Delta is awaiting impatiently the next number of the KAPPA ALPHA THETA, which is always hailed with joy.

BETA.

Indiana State University, Bloomington, Ind.

DEAR KAPPA:—Again we hear the voice of our sister calling to us from the far West, and we hasten to reply lest she forget us altogether.

Beta chapter was never more prosperous. We are glad to be able to say this, for our class of '88 carried with it, as it journeyed forth into "the cold, cold world," eight loyal Thetas. But we have succeeded better than we hoped. Though meeting determined opposition from our one rival, Kappa Kappa Gamma, we have not lost a single spike, but have initiated five and pledged three girls. Of the new initiate members one is special, one Sophomore, and three Freshman. Of the last, two hold honor scholarships from the High Schools in which they graduated.

At the close of the last college year we initiated five Preparatory graduates, who are now wearing the dignities of college students—and pins.

Our chapter contemplates giving her usual Hallow-een social, and is cudgling her collective brain for something never as yet recorded in the annals of Hallow-een pranks.

Since our last letter death has again bereft us of one of our dearest alumna, Mrs. Ida Spangler. She was for several years connected with our University as assistant librarian, and we sadly miss her sweet face from its accustomed place. She has left with us the memory of a true womanly life.

Beta wishes renewed prosperity to the journal, and sends greeting to her sisters.

E. I. B.

MU.

Allegheny College, Meadville, Penn.

DEAR THETA SISTERS:—We are very glad to once more write a chapter letter to our journal, but we scarcely know where to begin to relate the experience which we have had since the last publication.

Last winter the rival which we had looked for so long and anxiously, appeared, and we were most happy to welcome our Kappa Kappa Gamma sisters into the Greek world, and wish them success in every possible way.

During the year we initiated six very desirable girls—Ellen Chesbro, Helen Clark, Alice Cruttenden, Mary Harmon, Gertrude Household, and Adelaide Robinson. Miss Cruttenden is not in college at present on account of illness, and although we regret losing Miss Harmon, we were glad to have her go to Wellesley this year wearing the kite. We were very proud of her as one of "our" girls.

Our Seniors last year were only two—Myrtle Rice and Lillian Fradenburgh—but without them even the "Goat" seems dead. Miss Fradenburgh visited us last week, and seemed as full of "frat spirit" as usual. She has proven to us that "out of college" does not necessarily mean "out of the Greek world."

Last spring we were entertained at the lovely home of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, on Highland avenue. The Phi Gamma Deltas also remembered us by giving us an elegant present for our rooms.

This year we began fraternity with our usual number, seven members, but have increased it to ten since then, by placing the Black and Gold on Elizabeth Wood, Ellen Hoskin and Stella Foote, three girls of whom we are justly proud, and girls who we are sure will bring honor to Theta.

Our Seniors are five, and we have two resident members, Miss Harriot Reitze and Miss Josephine Henderson.

The outlook for the year is very pleasing. We are full of life and good wishes for Theta everywhere, and will do all in our power to keep her standard high.

With the hope that we may all strive to exalt the name of "Fraternity," we remain,

Very truly, MU.

PI.

Albion College, Albion, Michigan.

It is with pleasure that Pi sends greetings to her sister chapters, and trusts that the opening year brings happiness and prosperity to all.

The college year opens, bringing many new faces into our midst, but alas we look in vain for some of the old, familiar ones. Pi chapter lost but one member by graduation, but four of our under-graduates are not back, so it was with a feeling of sadness that we gathered, but six in number, for the first meeting of the term. Strangely, indeed, do we miss their happy faces and cheering words. But experience has taught us to "Look not mournfully into the past," but rather to "Take up the present, it is ours." And agreeing, that "now is the time for action," we start out with a firm determination to win the brightest and the best to bear aloft the black and gold.

Last spring, in looking forward to the present term, we anticipated the unpleasantness of rushing, and tried to enter upon some plan with the Delta Gammas by which it might be avoided, but they were not willing to coöperate with us; consequently we were obliged to take prompt action for our own interests at the opening of the term. This we did by selecting four of the new girls, who seemed to be all we desired in every way, and, notwithstanding the fact that they were selected and rushed by the Delta Gammas, we were successful in every case. We have not initiated any this term, but shall introduce to you in our next letter several who will do us honor.

The presidents of both the Erosophian and Atheniædes literary societies wear the "kite." We have not, as yet, arranged our work for the term, as we have been house-cleaning. However we expect to get our hall settled soon, and shall then plan our work. Our hall is greatly beautified by an elegant mirror over our mantle, the gift of our much loved sister, Jennie Armstrong, who could not be with us this year, and who may never return to us.

Personals.

RHO.

Minnie Lotta spent her summer at Manitou Springs, Col.

Pearl Dement did not return this year. She is studying music in Chicago.

Kittie Westor is convalescent after a rather serious illness. She is at her home, Beatrice.

During her vacation spent in Indiana, Dena Loomis had the pleasure of meeting several Theta sisters.

DELTA.

Ella New, '87, is teaching.

Edith Kuseland, '87, is teaching in Lexington.

Mattie Myers, with her parents, will spend the winter in California.

Ella Landon, who was not with us last year, is with us again this fall.

Orilla Likes, '86, is teaching one of the public schools of Bloomington.

Maud Pillsbury, '86, has moved with her parents to Eagle Grove, Iowa.

Ella New made the Thetas a flying visit last week. Theta goat expects to be active next Friday.

Ruth Evens, who was sick the fore part of the term, returned last week, and will resume her studies.

Mary Potter, who graduated in the musical department last spring, is in the literary department again.

Bess Grove, '88, is at present making us a very pleasant visit. She delighted us all by arriving suddenly in our midst Wednesday afternoon.

LAMBDA.

Beth Bennet, who was absent last year, has returned to '90.

Helen Boswith spent her summer vacation in Providence, R. I.

Ella Babbitt, '86, is teaching in the grammar school in this city.

Miss Lillie Crane has accepted the position of librarian of Bradford Academy.

Mrs. Jean Christie Chandler has been very ill during the summer, but at latest reports is much better.

Lambda is mourning over the absence of June Yale, '90, who is teaching in Clark Institute, Northampton, Mass.

Clara Colburn, '88, has opened a private school in this city, in which Bessie Howe, '90, is her assistant. It promises to be very successful.

Married—August 29, Miss Clara Pense and Mr. Walter Newton. Mr. and Mrs. Newton will make New Brunswick, N. J., their future home.

EPSILON.

Miss Janet Quick, '87, is teaching music in Macon, Tenn.

Miss Mary Henderson, '88, is taking a post graduate course at Wellesley.

Miss Cora Frick, '91, is attending a preparatory school for Wellesley, at Philadelphia.

Miss Florence Johnson, '87, was married September 4th to Prof. H. H. Higbee, of Cleveland.

Miss Janet Henderson, '88 through Sophomore, has returned for her final year at Lake Erie Seminary.

Miss Anna Slemmons, '87, was married September 5th to Mr. N. Z. Morrison, formerly of Wooster, Mt. graduate of Cornell.

MU.

Nellie Scott is teaching in Ottawa, Kas.

Miss Lillian Fradenburgh is at Warren, Pa.

Miss Harriet Reitze is teaching in Meadville, Pa.

Miss Myrtle Rice is at her home in Westfield, N. Y.

Miss Nannie Jones is at her home in Greenville, Pa.

Miss Ella Goff, class of '87, is in Boston studying medicine.

Miss Marie Wilkinson, class of '87, is at her home in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Miss Mar Goff is teaching in a ladies' seminary in New Haven, Conn.

Mrs. Will Murray, *nee* Florence Sullivan, is living at Sugar Grove, Pa.

IOTA.

Stephanie Marx, '88, is teaching at Groton, N. Y.

Julia Snow, '88, has a fellowship in Botany at Cornell.

Estella Vedder, '90, is teaching at St. Johnsville, N. Y.

Kate Edwards, '88, has a fellowship in Greek at Bryn Mawr College this year.

Bertha Schuster, special student, is teaching at the Platteville (Wis.) Normal School.

Louise Robbin, '90, is obliged to give up her college work for a year on account of ill health.

Gertrude Van Dusen, '84, Mary and Helen Corser, '85, and Harriet Warner, '87, have spent the last year abroad.

Luring the past year Jessie Boulton, '83, was married to Mr. Thorpe; Harriet Grotecloss, '84, to Mr. C. D. Marx, '78, and Anna Paddock, '86, to Mr. C. B. Wing, '86.

THETA.

Ida Mather is teaching elocution at Grinnell.

Nellie Salem has charge of the Art Department.

Theta entertained her gentlemen friends Hallow-eeen.

Bertha Todd, '86, has charge of the Seniors and Juniors in Music, also Counterpoint and Harmony.

Married—Taye Morrison to Rev. J. H. Herrland, a Phi Kappa Psi. Boston will be their future home. Theta loses a splendid member.

PI.

Annie Stevens, '87, resumes her position as teacher in the Flint high school.

Iola Kennedy, '90, whom we miss from our number, is teaching at Ionia, Michigan.

Lizzie Eveleth is missed from our ranks, and rumor says—matrimonial contemplation.

Bina B. Schall, '88, and Gertrude Allen, '86, both have lucrative positions in the Ionia high school.

Emma Paysons, '90, will remain at her home, in Big Rapids, for this term; but we hope to welcome her back next term.

Jennie Armstrong, '90, is pursuing her studies in the University at Denver, Col., whither she reluctantly went. She is greatly missed by Pi chapter, and we trust she may return to us.

TAU.

May Earle, '88, is teaching at Franklin Grove, Ills.

Grace Knapp, ex-'91, visited in Evanston a short time ago.

Mabelle Thatcher, '88, has returned from Des Moines, Iowa, where she has been visiting, and is now at her home in River Forest, Ills.

Mrs. Laura Hill Norton, a Theta from another chapter, visited us October 17. Although out of school, her interest in Kappa Alpha Theta has not decreased.

KAPPA.

Kate Ridenour, of '84, has returned from her European trip.

Miss Florence Beck, of Alpha, is soon to visit her Kappa sisters.

Miss Martique Babcock is enjoying a visit with her father, in St. Louis, Mo.

Miss Clara Gillham, of Alton, Ill., visited a number of her Kappa Alpha Theta sisters this summer.

Miss Mary E. Wilder, ex-editor-in-chief of KAPPA ALPHA THETA, is engaged in teaching at Abilene, Kas.

Marcella Howland, '90, spent the summer very pleasantly visiting relatives in Wisconsin and Michigan.

Miss Manie Simpson has brought honor to our chapter by having a picture accepted by the Paris Salon.

We are looking forward to a pleasant winter with Miss Josie Cooke; she will soon move to Lawrence with her father.

Mrs. Sanford, *nee* Josie Brown, one of the charter members of Kappa, is visiting in Lawrence. She will remain during the winter.

Dame Rumor tells us that ere long Miss Minnie Wagstaff will take into her keeping the future happiness of a prominent young doctor of Lawrence. Our best wishes for a bright future are ever extended for the welfare of sister Minnie.

When Kappa was again united after the summer separation, we were delighted to find Mamie Simpson with us. Miss Mamie returned in August from a year's study in Europe. She has again entered upon her duties at K. S. U. as instructor of oil painting.



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